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The M mark denotes expiration of a

Poetry. "MOTHER IS ILL."

The mother is ill to-day-The mother so merry and sweet, Who has such a wonderful way Of keeping the kitchen neat.

Of putting things into place, and dropping a pleasant word, With a smile on her smany face, And a voice like the song of a bird.

Father has done for them all The very best that he can; Fastened the buttons small With the clumsy touch of a man.

Carried the baby about.

And stirred the porridge in haste. And the children have no doubt He will give them each a taste.

Taking in parn is fun:
And what can be half so good, Is the thought of each little one, As the baby's sweetened food? The very chickens and cat

A change in the household know. And the turkey looks a flat And sage "I told you so!" Ah, well!. Vacation days

To the mother seldom come: Is the rown of her happy home. Her husband's tender praise He smoothed her tangled hair And touched ner aching brow

With a lover's gentlest care And fondest art but now. He would keep the baby still, Held close to his nationt breast All day when mother was ill.

Selected Storp.

ROMANCE OF HISTORY Shortiff a Spiles.

THE TERRIBLE REVENCE OF A COR-

SICAN WOMAN.

In the early part of the fourteenth century the island of Corsica was a bone of contention between the maritime republic of Savoy, the duchy of Savoy and the kingdom of France. The latter, at that time, was ruled by the chivalrous Francis the First, one of the most re-

markable characters in history.

His ambition was only equaled by his reckless audacity, and he alone, of all the princes of his time, ventured to break a lance with the powerful Emperor Charles the Fifth, who so disastrously defeated him at Pavia in 1521.

In the preceding year King Francis had a quarrel with his wife, who had repreached him for his infidelities. One day, maddened by her taunts, he said to his valet, Gavini, a Corsican :

"Ah! I must get rid of her majesty. Her temper is too bad. am sure that the Holy Father will grant me a divorce from her. But

where shall I find a new wife?" Wear majesty has only to choose among the most beautiful princesses of Europe," said Gavini.

"But there is not a single beautiful princess in Europe," rejoined the king, almost angrily. of Savov is the only one that is not absolutely homely, and I hate her father so bitterly that I should be

reluctant to enter into a union with passing beauty, as well as by virtue any member of his family." "If your majesty will permit me," said the wily Corsican, "I could tell you of a lady with royal blood in

her veins, who is young and handsome enough to grace the throne of France by your side." "Who is she?" asked the king,

eagerly.

"She is the Marchioness Isolena Della Ballo."

Her grandmother was a niece of the

Emperor Maximilian; and she is

the last of her race, your majesty,

still unmarried?"

Fine last of her race, Cavini, and

"Your majesty, there is a strange

tale to this," replied Gavini. "About

seven years ago the marchioness,

with her aged father, was having a

boat ride off Ajaccio. A thunder

storm sprung up, and the frail bark

was in danger of capsizing. The

old marquis was frightened to

"Pray, my child,' he cried, in

his terror, pray to her who alone

can save us. Pray to her, and

promise to remain a virgin, unless

"I never heard of her." "She is the richest woman in

Corsica, where her ancestors, since time immemorial, have owned most of the real estate, and where they nized him. have been more powerful than the real rulers of the island ever were.

terview with the marchioness after Gavini had withdrawn.

At first she hesitated to grant the request, because the Conde had often urged her to give him her hand. But he was so persistent this time that she went with him

"Isolena," he said to her, "do you know who that man is?"

to her boudoir.

"The envoy of the king of France,

"That may be, Isolena," he replied, "but I am sure that the king,



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king should come to solicit your sure that the king, in sending the

"Isolena, took that pledge, and now she is mistress of immense estates, and one of the most beautiful women in the world."

The king, who acted as if he had already got rid of his legitimate wife, had by this time become deep- ing eyes. ly interested in the subject.

"Gavini," he said, "how does this marchioness look ?"

"Your majesty, I have truly never seen a face worthier to adorn a throne than she. She is the fairest daughter whom Italy, the land of pretty women, ever gave birth to. Tall, slender, majestic, with a complexion of marble, and features which Phidias would have gladly chiseled in stone, she has on her ripe lips the tempting smile of Cu- by this time so enraged that she utpid, and in her black eyes all the fire of the goddess of love."

quaintance; but that has to be done | perish as miserably as the dog | the most essential thing is thick in a very discreet manner."

long while, Gavini suggested that he himself might go to Corsica, and love so well?" make overtures to the beautiful marchioness.

The king eagerly embraced this

"You shall go, Gavini," he cried. "Go to Montpas, my treasurer, and draw as many livres in gold as you

"But your majesty," said the valel, "money is not sufficient for such mission. I ought to have to that nd also"—

"What?" "A position."

What position ?"

"I ought to be clothed with the rank of a minister, your majesty." The king looked at his valet for a minute without saying anything.

Then he burst into laughter. "Gavini," he exclaimed, "you are the most impudent rascal I ever saw. But your idea is a good one. Yes, you shall for once go as my envoy to Corsica. Prevail upon the

marchioness, whose charms you extol so enthusiastically, to come to Paris, and I shall reward you right

On the following day Gavini, to whom royal credentials had been given, to the dismay of the king's minister of state, set out for Corsica. He had a large retinue of servants, and was in perfect keeping with the exalted position to which

his master had so suddenly arisen. In the course of time he arrived in Ajaccio, and called with all his attendants upon the Marchioness Isolena Della Ballo.

charms. She was, indeed, a most charming and attractive woman. Upon presenting the credentials

to her he said: "My royal master, your excellen-

cy, has intrusted me to bring about more cordial relations between France and the island of which you are mistress, if not by divine right, at least by the right of your sur-

The compliment was not lost upon the handsome creature. She dismissed the valet envoy in the

most gracious manner. "I will capture her easily," thought. day. Gavini, as he took his departure. "I believed she was too intelligent to be gulled by such transparent flattery. Very well-so much the

better for me." But a young admirer of the marchioness, Signor Conde de Vrao, who in years gone by had been at the gay court of France, had recog-

The conde solicited a private in-

Conde," she replied. "His credentials show it."

in sending the fellow"-"The fellow!"

"Yes, the fellow, Isolena. I am plete.

fellow to you, has played a very contemptible trick upon you."

"How so ?" "Because this pretended envoy is no other than King Francis' body servant."

"A menial!" she cried, with flash

"Yes, the lowest of the low-he who dresses and undresses his ma jesty of France."

"And the king could put such an affront on me by sending such a rascal to me?" "It is not yet all, Isolena. This Gavini is a Corsican—a serf of your

father's who fied the country twen ty years ago because he had committed several disgraceful thefts." The beautiful marchioness was

tered the following terrible oath: "Had I to-day King Francis in "I should like to make her ac- my power I should cause him to whom he has sent to me. I swear After hemming and having for a it, even should I lose my own life and ruin this whole island which I

At midnight on the same day Gavini was dragged from his bed and thrust into a dungeon.

Six hours later he was confronted the executioner and the dignant marchioness.

"You are about to die." she said pitilessly, to the ill-fated man. "How dare you treat the sacred person of an envoy in this man-

er ?" he cried. "The sacred person of an escaped serf and thief!" she exclaimed. "Ga vini, 1 know who you are."

"The envoy of the king of

"You mean his valet. Now listen to me. I shall have your flesh torn from your limbs with red-hot pincers if you do not confess what induced King Francis to commit so infamous an outrage as to send you to me in the capacity of an en-

Gavini referred once more to the inviolability of his office.

She ordered the executioner to torture him.

The prisoner was placed on wooden bench, and then the executioner, after binding him, begun to tear off his flesh with red-hot

For ten minutes the victim. though uttering the most unearthly yells, refused to confess.

At last, when the agony became too great, he told the marchioness what he had come to Corsica for. This still added to her fury. She then ordered Gavini to be be He had not exaggerated her headed, and sent his head in glass jar filled with white Corsican

wine to the king of France. Francis the First was beside himself with rage upon receiving the

ghastly present. He organized a secret naval ex-

pedition to Corsica, and caused Isolena to be kidnapped. She landed at Marseilles in February, 1571. The king was there at the time. He refused to see

of the time honored claims of your her. "Have her hair cropped," he ordered, "have her clad in hempen

garments and then whipped through the streets of the city!" This was done on the following

The beautiful marchioness suffered the torture with astonishing

Not a cry of pain escaped her tightly compressed lips as the exe-

At last she opened her mouth; a stream of blood issued from it. "Who will avenge me?" she

She was avenged a few months later when Francis I. was over powered at Pavia, and so badly beaten that he exclaimed: "All is lost save honor!"

The Chinamen in California, in the expectation of being driven from the country, are sending home the remains of their dead. In cases where only the bones are left, scrupulous care is taken to miss none, as they believe to leave one behind would imperil the soul of the dead person. A paper is spread by the grave, and upon it the skeleton is pendence was signed, there were laid, piece by piece, until all is com.

Miscellaneous.

PROPER CLOTHING FOR

A cold is looked upon as of little or no consequence; but often cold, carelessly taken, settles upon the lungs and ends in consumption.

There is no more prolific source of colds than insufficient or improper clothing for the feet, especially in cold and inclement weather.

the wet but it can only be worn by most persons a little while at a time without experiencing unpleasant effects from it. It confines the insensible perspiration, producing moisture and a cold, disagreeable sensation, and often causing head-

health. Wear thick soles, therefore, always in winter, whether the weather be wet or dry. The old-fashioned notion was that If we were obliged to pay to enthick woolen stockings were requisite to keep the feet warm in winter, and the grand-dames of a former generation, before the inventions of machinery for the manufac- thusiasm as electricity is inwrought ture of almost everything had been in the air, exalting its power by a made, would hardly indulge in ten subtle presence. minutes social chat without, at the To sneer and denounce is a very

doing since Saturday. out to a printer, and learned Hundreds of city merchants are through the detective that he had now suffering in consequence of paid it out for board; the hash the want of punctuality among their house market-woman had paid it to Western customers in paying up a butcher for beef; the butcher had accounts. With sound policy do paid it to a farmer as part pay on the banks insist, under the penalty a fat steer; the farmer had paid it of a protest, on the punctual payto a merchant for a calico dress; ment of notes; for were they to do the merchant had deposited it in a otherwise, commercial transactions bank; the bank had paid it out on would fall into inextricable cona check drawn by another merchant fusion. Many and many a time has to pay a teamster for hauling goods; the failure of one man to meet his for a sack of flour; the miller had a score of others, just as the toppaid it to a farmer on a load of pling down, in a line of bricks, book store for school books; the all the rest. book store had paid it to a grocer for sugar and coffee; the grocer less punctual than mechanics. Do and eggs, and the farmer who last received it, paid it to us on sub-

scription as above stated. Thus we see the work of one dollar had paid thirteen dollars of debts between Saturday night and Monday afternoon, without a cent of silver or gold to back it. In the proper understanding of the work of this dollar lies the secret of prosperity. Keep your money moving and there will be no hard time and no more panics.

"Are you a Christian?" asked minister of a forlorn looking man at an inquiry meeting, who had taken a front seat. "No," he answered sadly, "I'm a guano agent."

When the Declaration of Indeonly two steam-engines, of the crudest design, in the United States.

THOUGHTS FOR SATURDAY NIGHT.

Perfect scheming demands om-

niscience. THE FEET. The wife makes the home, and the home makes the man.

Nothing is difficult; it is only we who are indolent.

India Rubber is impervious to

Leather is the material which must be mainly depended upon for protection of the feet, and about soles, of the best leather. In wei weather they are indispensable, and even when the ground and sidewalks are dry in cold weather the cold strikes instantly through thin soles-or, to speak more scientifically, the heat is instantly conducted

out of the feet-and scarcely anything can be more detrimental to others.

same time keeping their fingers in easy way of assuming a great deal motion with the knitting needles, of wisdom and concealing a great so important did they deem it to deal of ignorance. keep the family well supplied with warm socks. But this is found to have been a mistake. Thin cotton astonishing how many people there socks at least, for men-are found are who neglect punctuality. Thouto be much warmer than thick wool en ones. The woolen socks cause the feet to perspire, and as the moisture cools they become chilled. Persons who have suffered from cold feet as long as they wore woolen stockings, have ceased to com-

them for cotton. farmer came into our office on chanics who might otherwise rise Monday and paid us a dollar on to fortune; in a word, there is not ther. subscription, and we observed that a profession, nor situation in life, it was the same old ragged dollar which is not liable to the canker of that we had received from another this destructive habit. person on the day before. So we put a detective on the back track of is as important as in military. the dollar to see what it had been Many are the instances in which

We remembered having paid it punctually has led to a serious loss.

would succeed.

"Twenty-six, sir."

tell us how many there are, then?"

HOLD ON.

Hold on to your foot when you

Hold on to your virtue—it is

above all price to you in all times

Hold on to your good character,

for it is and ever will be your best

listen to that dear voice, notice the

feeling of even a single touch that

is even bestowed apon you by that

gentle hand! Make much of it

while you have the most precious of

all gifts-a loving mother. Read

the unfathomable love in those

eves: the kind anxiety of that tone

and look, however slight your pain.

In after life you may have friends-

you have again the inexpressible

you which none but a mother be-

stows. Often do I sigh in my trou-

bles with the dark, uncaring world,

for the sweet, deep security I felt

when, of an evening, nestling in her

bosom. I listened to some quiet

tale, suitable to my age, read in her

tender untiring voice. Never can

me when I appeared asleep; never

her kiss of peace at night. Years

have passed away since we laid her

beside my father in the old church-

vard; and still her voice whispers

from the grave, and her eye watches

over me, as I visit spots long since

hallowed to the memory of my mo-

Be MANLY.-Never try to keep

Hold on to your tongue when you are just ready to swear, lie or speak harshly or use an improper

word. Hold on to your hand when about It's easy finding reasons why to strike, pinch, steal or do an imother folks should be patient. proper act.

are on the point of kicking, running Were saints their own carvers away from study, or pursuing the they would soon cut their own finpath of error, or shame, or crime. Hold on to your temper when

Young authors give their brains you are angry, excited, or imposed much exercise and little food. upon, or others are angry about Everybody laughs at a monkey, Hold on to your heart when evil but nobody respects them. Renunciation remains sorrow, associates seek your company and

though a sorrow borne willingly. invite you to join in their mirth Animals are such agreeable and revelry. friends-they ask no questions, Hold on to your name at al they pass no criticisms. times, for it is more value to you Blows are sarcasms turned stu-

than gold, high places, or fashionpid; wit is a form of force that able attire. Hold on to the truth, for it will leaves the limbs at rest. A desire to say things which no serve you well and do you good one else said makes some people throughout eternity.

In a mist the heights can, for the most part, see each other; but the and places. valleys cannot. The first proof of a man's incapacity for anything is his endeavor

say things nobody ought to say.

to fix the stigma of failure upon Perfect love has a breath of poetry which can exalt the relations of the least instructed human beings. ter into life how many of us would demand the return of our money on

Our love is inwrought in our en-

fond, dear friends; but never will love and gentleness lavished upon PUNCTUALITY IN ALL THINGS.—It is sands have failed in life from this cause alone. It is not only a serious vice in itself, but it is the fruitful parent of numerous other I forget her sweet glances cast upon vices, so that he who becomes the victim of it gets involved in toils from which it is almost impossible plain as soon as they have changed to escape. It makes the merchant wasteful of time; it saps the business reputation of the lawyer, and THE WORTH OF A DOLLAR.-A it injures the prospects of me-

out of a man's way when you are In mercantile affairs, punctuality owing him anything, unless it is thrashing. It is bad enough, in all conscience, to be in debt, but do not make your condition worse by the neglect to renew an insurance growing meaner under its pressure. When you absolutely cannot pay up at the appointed time, don' make him think you are sick. Don't skulk about in any street to avoid meeting your creditor; don't go around the first corner when you catch sight of him before he has seen you. All such conduct is unmanly. No doubt you are averse to standing face to face with a man to whom you are a debtor, pay-day past and you are a debtor still-it the teamster had paid it to a miller obligations brought on the ruin of is mortifying, very, but it is only one of the natural consequences of borrowing, and as you have incurwheat; the farmer had paid it to a the master brick causes the fall of red the penalty, why meet it like man. Face your creditor, let him know that you neither forget the Perhaps there is no class of men debt or underrate his patience with had paid it to a farmer for butter you want an upholster? He rarely you. Say frankly that you are very comes when he agrees. So with sorry to see him out of his money,

carpenters, painters and nearly all and that you will pay him as fast others. Tailors and shoemakers and as soon as you can. often do not have their articles If a cat doth meet a cat on a garhome in time. The consequence is den wall, and if a cat doth greet a that thousands remain poor all their cat, oh, why need they squall? Evlives, who, if they were more faithful to their word, would secure a ery Tommy has his Tabby waiting a large run of custom, and so make on the wall, and yet he welcomes their fortunes. Be punctual, if you her approach by an unearthly yawl. And if a kitten wish to court upon the garden wall, why don't he sit and sweetly smile, and not sit up A boy in a Sunday school prothe bawl, and lift his precious back posed a question to be answered up high and show his teeth and the following Sunday: "How many moan, as if 'twere colic more than letters does the Bible contain? love that made that fellow groan? The answer was three millions, five hundred and thirty thousand, three

We can better and more safely do hundred and thirty-three. The suwithout eating for a week than perintendent says to James: "Is have no sleep for three or four days. that right?" "No, sir," was the prompt reply. "Will you please

Politeness of mind consists in its limbs can be bent in a circular thinking chaste and refined thoughts form or tied in a knot.

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WANTED A FARM.

vided he could get one to suit. The

agent smiled him to a seat, and

brought out his register of descrip-

tions. He had several farms reg-

istered on his books, and he had no

doubt that he could suit the

would-be purchaser. The stranger

"What I want is a farm of about

"I've got it," replied the dealer.

"I'd like about six big hills on

"Here she is-here's a farm,

"I want a lake exactly in the cen-

"Here you are. Here is a farm

"And I want a big natural cavern

"Here you are. There's a cave

The stranger drew a long breath

"I want a farm of three hun-

"Here she is," was the ready re-

"I must have a waterfall twenty

"Here you are. This farm has a

natural waterfall of twenty-five feet

and eleven inches. I don't suppose

an inch. more or less, on a water-

"Well, no, but I want a windmill

"That was put up last year," was

It was sometime before the

"There must be a church right

"One built there last summer.

"Then I can't buy the farm of

"If there is anything I hate

you," said the stranger rising to

it is a church organ, and you can

see for yourself that I would be in

a state of continual misery. The

farm suits me first-rate, but I can't

Just what estimate those two

KISSING JUDGE SETTLE.—The day

Vance got here Aunt Abby House

called at the Yarboro and said she

was bound to see him. It happen

ed that Vance and Settle were both

in their rooms, Vance in No. 8 and

Settle in No. 9. The clerk tried to

stave off the old woman and told

her Vance was then asleep and

way and she mistook No. 9 for the

She opened the door softly and

the curtains were let down, the

blinds closed, and the room dark as

wild, and Aunt Abby staggered

"Why this ain't Vance! This is

you, Tom." She looked at him

steadily a few seconds, and said,

making for the washstand, "I like

you right smart, Tom; but I'm

obleeged to wash my mouth after

kissing a radical." This was the

first salute of the campaign at Ral-

Mrs. Carnoyle, living on the farm

of George Glasscock, Breckenridge

County, Ky., has a child five years

of age that is boneless. It is well

developed in every particular, and

him and gave him a smack.

back exclaiming:

eigh.—News.

men placed upon each other's vera-

eross the road from the house."

"It must be a brick church."

"Has it an organ?"

stranger thought of anything else,

six feet high on the farm," con-

dred acres, but one hundred acres

with a lake exactly in the center."

in one of the hills."

on this farm that can't be beat."

with exactly six hills on it."

remarked:

three hundred acres."

tre of the farm."

and went on:

marsh land."

THER.—Children, look in those eyes, the farm, and just one hundred in

must be marsh land."

tinued the stranger.

fall amounts to much."

on one of the hills."

the calm reply.

but finally said:

"So it is."

"It has."

go that organ."

known.

REQUISITES FOR A NEWSPAPER MAN. The venerable Curtis Guild, of A Detroit real estate agent was the Boston Commercial Bulletin, waited on by a tall man with a lately made a little speech to an asweed in his hat, who said he had semblage of Press men, in which the cash to pay for a farm, pro-

What then, some one may in-

he said :

quire, are the requisites for the newspaper business? An answer to this suggests itself to my mind in a reply in somewhat powerful terms, I will admit, that I made to a pale, hollow-chested young man of twenty-two or three who once waited upon me with an inquiry of a similar nature. He had a few thousand dollars, and had just graduated from college and wanted to join with somebody to "start a paper!" Start a paper! This is thought by almost every one outside the business one of the easiest and pleasantest things in the world to do-and so it is if you have plenty of money to start with; but it is not the starting, but the keep ing of it going at a profit, that calls for brains. I recall now the reply, prompted by a day's severe and exhausting work, when, after listening as patiently as possible to the voung man's crude notions respecting a business in which he had no experience, he begged I would tell him in as few words as possible the

somewhat startled by the assertion that they were as follows: A brain as flexible and elastic as steel. A memory as tenacious as iron, A temper even as that of a saint, A digestion equal to that of an ostrich,

qualifications necessary to prosecute

the business successfully. He was

And the endurance of adamant. A man went to the theater for the first time. Just as the curtain descended on the first act, an engine in the basement exploded and he was blown through the roof, coming down in the next street. After coming to his senses he asked! "And what piece do you play

An elderly dandy who was more noted for running in debt than for paying his tradesmen, made an exception in favor of his wigmaker that he might be enabled to say that he wore his own hair.

A lady gave recently the following opinion of a nice young man according to her own thinking: "Oh. I think he'd make an excellent stranger—one that you'd never become acquainted with, you know."

During the last four years the imports of Canada have exceeded the exports by \$140,000,000, and under the confederation the debt city as they separated will never be has increased \$53,000,000.

To write a good love letter you

night to begin without knowing

what you mean to say, and to finish without knowing what you have Don't look too hard, except for something agreeable. We can find all the disagreeable things in the

world between our own hats and

didn't want to be disturbed. But she would listen to no reason: "I'm bound to see that boy," she Sarcastic Slash-Young swell: said, and climbed the steps with her "I should like to have my moustache dyed." Polite barber: "Cer-The floor boy pointed her the tainly. Did you bring it with you?"

> The salmon put into the Connecticut river two years ago are now from four to six inches long. That man is at heart a coward

night, and there lay Judge Settle, who seeks to humiliate his wife bestretched out, taking a comfortable fore her guests or company. Aunt Abby threw her arms around When men publish their acts of charity they doubt the ability of The Judge sprang up and looked

the Lord to keep account. Of the 226 Protestant churches built in Chicago since 1831, 197 are

To worry over what we do not understand is no mark of greatness.

Next to a diary the most difficult thing to keep is a lead pencil. Build up the weak and all will

The fewer our wants the greater our happiness.

The early bird catches a bad